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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Attached is one (1) PTO-1449 sheet listing one (1) U.S. reference and four (4) foreign references, and the International Search Report that cited these references. I hereby certify that the enclosed documents listed on the herewith Form PTO-1449 were cited in the attached International Search Report, dated January 10, 2002. Three of the foreign references are non-English, and the Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider these non-English foreign references. A statement of relevance is provided for the non-English foreign references as indicated below:

- (1) DE 2904387 describes a V-formation engine having a cylinder block (3) with two rows of cylinders disposed (7a, 7b) at 45 degrees to the vertical axis of the engine. A corresponding in line engine with half the total number of cylinders has a cylinder block (2) with one row of cylinders disposed at 45 degrees to vertical. A

side wall closes off the part where the other row of cylinders would be. The crankshaft for the single row engine has the crank webs thickened on alternate sides to take up the space of the omitted big end bearings. In all other respects the in line and V engines are identical.

- (2) DE 19846586 A1 describes the composed housing for a multi-cylinder internal combustion engine which has at least one end flange (7,7') arranged on one of both face sides of the engine. It has at least one intermediate flange (11,11') arranged in the area between two equal sections (10, 10', 10, 10', 10) of the individual cylinders of the engine. On at least one end flange and at least one intermediate flange, a closure cover (8,8') can be fitted, limiting the oil and/or cooling water chamber of the engine.
- (3) FR 931895 describes air-cooled internal combustion engines with various cylinder arrangements.

This IDS is intended to be in full compliance with the rules, but should the Examiner find any part of its required content to have been omitted, prompt notice to that effect is earnestly solicited, along with additional time under Rule 97(f), to enable Applicant to comply fully.

Should a first action on the merits have been issued on the same day or before this Information Disclosure Statement is filed, please accept this Information Disclosure Statement under Rule 97(c) and charge the requisite Rule 17(p) fee to our Deposit Account No. 03-3975, under Order No. 009919/0265231 and proceed to consider this Information Disclosure Statement.

Consideration of the foregoing and enclosures plus the return of a copy of the enclosed PTO-1449 Form, page 1, with the Examiner's initials in the left column per MPEP 609 are earnestly solicited along with an early action on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,

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